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1. According to statements of employees of the Maisek (#50/ L 66) iron ore mines these mines were opened because of a shortage of ore in the mines at Mladice (#50/ L 67). The daily output of the Maisek mines is 400 to 450 tons of ore containing 32 to 50% iron.
2. All the ore, which is from six-story shafts about 206 meters deep, is transported through a 1,300 meter-long tunnel that opens onto the Prague-Mladice road at the 27.2 milestone. An administrative building, an engine room, a boiler house, and a washroom and showers are located at the mouth of the tunnel. Sixteen dwelling units for miners were built in the vicinity out of a total of 35 dwelling units which were planned for the year 1953. The construction of the washing shop was started.
3. There are approximately 240 employees, of whom about 230 are miners, 10 are technical workers, two are administrative workers and three are guards. More miners were expected to arrive from Mladice. Ing (Fm) Polak is the manager; it is probable that Ing Karel Szanypal from the former general management of the iron ore mines at Mladice will take his place. (Fm) Slabon, a Slovak, is the security official and an ardent Communist.
4. Miners work in three shifts. Production is 45 carts with 800 to 1,000 kilograms each per shift. The working morale is low. Employees working in the tunnel receive 13,000 Kcs monthly, those in shafts 6,000 Kcs, and those on the surface 4,000 Kcs to 4,500 Kcs monthly.

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